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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, GR, TU

SUBJECT: GREEK QUERY RE TURKISH F-4 PURCHASE

REF: STATE 196611 (DTG 070532Z AUG 76)

1. MINISTER OF DEFENSE AVEROFF RECENTLY MENTIONED REPORTS HE HAD RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON AND ANKARA THAT INDICATED TURKEY WAS ABOUT TO PURCHASE FORTY NEW PHANTOMS. HE SAID THAT TEN OF THESE AIRCRAFT WOULD BE RF-4'S; THE COST, \$450 MILLION; AND THE FINANCING, MOSTLY THROUGH COMMERCIAL CREDIT WITH SOME THROUGH FMS. AVEROFF INTIMATED THAT SUCH A SIZABLE ADDITION TO THE TURKISH AIR FORCE COULD UPSET THE BALANCE IN THE AREA AND COULD SPARK A NEW ROUND IN THE LOCAL ARMS RACE. HE ASKED WHETHER WE COULD CONFIRM HIS INFORMATION ON THE TURKISH PURCHASE.

2. WE GATHER THAT THIS PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT IS THE ONE DESCRIBED IN REFTEL AND MENTIONED IN THE LAST SENTENCE, PARA 2, OF THE APRIL 7 KISSINGER:CAGLAYANGIL EXCHANGE OF NOTES. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT KNOW HOW MUCH DATA IS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN ON THIS PURCHASE. IF THE F-4 BUY IS IN FACT THE ONE ENVISAGED IN THE APRIL 7  
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EXCHANGE, AND WE COULD CONFIRM THAT FACT WITH SOME

DETAILS OF AVEROFF, IT MIGHT GO SOME DISTANCE IN ALLAY-  
ING HIS CONCERNS. WE WOULD LIKE TO BE AS RESPONSIVE TO  
HIM AS POSSIBLE.  
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